Bob Fitzsimmons Tells Of How He Was Robbed

Fight With Sharkey Was Framed Up-Claim of Foul and Ruby Rob Lost Just \$20,000 on the Deal.

By BOB FITZSIMMONS.

Every man, woman, and child has Robbed Outright. been misunderstood at one time or another, so maybe what I'm going to tell now may get me a little sympathy, ference. Still, a man sort of looks around the circle when he gets into a mean corner, and if there's a friendly

years ago. I mean the go I had with Tom Sharkey out there, when a bunch out all about it, but worst of all was jobbed it to give me the worst of it the fight.

As I said before, I'm not looking for sympathy, but when a fellow has had it handed to him in the rawest kind of a way, it salves the sore snot a whole lot to get a chance to tell just how it happened. Mabe some of you folks who read this can remember how you felt when a sneak thief belted you on the nose as you walked down the street and took your week's salary out of your right-hand pocket just as you were going home to hand it over to the wife. Perhaps you can remember how you felt when some fellow you thought was all the cards, handed you the double cross and set you back hustling for the breakfast money, and you never got a chance to tell even the sergeant at the police station how it happened. Well, that's just the way I feel about it, and that's just the way I feel about it, and the job came from the East; I want to say that. Of the west was

ings long enough. As I say, I hadn't went West, and took up with any good been over here so long, anyway. When steady job. There was Wyatt—my friend I first showed up in this country the -Virgil and Morgan. Wyatt was town Fitzsimmons stock was selling a long marshal down in New Mexico onceway below par, and I guess a good Albuquerque I think it was, and his many of the public had an idea it was brothers were handy around. A gang watered stock at that. That stacked of cow punchers had been holding up me up against the Black Pearl first as stages around there a whole lot, and games.

Sharkey was coming along then as the champion of the navy, and he had his eye out for Jim Corbett's scalp. I worked quite a while to get a line on Sharkey, but I had to whip Jack Dempsey first and then Abe Congle. After him they trotted out Peter Maher, and he tossed up his arms in twelve rounds. Jim Farrel was handed over, and he worse of it, but one of them got away, and two weeks later he shot Virgil Earp at a railroad station, and "Doe" Holliday got him later, and come near getting lynched for it Morgan was, I think, shuffled off some time later, but he womained with me just seven and he remained with me just seven our good Wyatt is still living in Cali-minutes, all told. I thought Sharkey fornia and taking life easy. one named Millerd Zender over the table at me and I ate him in a round. So it handy men to have around and worth went for four more years, and then came the time when I got Sharkey into a corner, and he couldn't get away.

There was a neat little purse of \$20,000 when they people turned their backs when they played poker with them. mighty useful money. Anyway, I counted it as good as mine, and the wake-up was all the worse when the state of the worse when the state of the state up for that mill, and I thought it was wake-up was all the worse when it

out in Frisce, and the house looked mighty good to me. I saw a lot of men I knew, and some of them wagged the finger at me to show they had a bet on, and counted it already spent. That made me feel a little bit better, and I commenced to wonder about this referee they had selected. I never was much of a stickler for referees. Any man that looked right to me was plenty good enough, and though I'd heard something about this chap, Wyatt Earp, I didn't take much account of what they said about him. One fellow leaned over the about him. One fellow leaned over the ring as I loafed in the corner, and said: you pull it off in Frisco, if they have "There's a job out to do you, Bcb, if a referee with a mustach and a steely they have to kill you to get away with eye.

the ropes, and I didn't get the rest. I didn't pay much attention to it, anyway. because I never believed I was going to be shaken down like a come-on, and the tip the chap handed me faded away. When Sharkey came into the ring and we walked over to this boy Earp, I took a good look at him. He didn't look crocked to me, though he had a sort of a set eye that read like it wouldn't stand for any argument. When he talk. for fifteen rounds tonight before the stand for any argument. When he talk. Sportsman's Club at a resort near Washed, he made it pretty plain that what he lighten has arrived in town and likesaid had to go, and I guess both Sharkey and myself felt we'd be as good as a pair of Sunday school lads.

Wise in condition.

Egan has been

Had Sharkey Gassing.

about for seven rounds, and I was getting ready to hand him the wallop that would put him down in dreamland. That solar plexus punch was coming along toward my way of thinking, and when the eighth was going along well. I just stepped in and handed it to Tom. He went down as if he'd been hit with a pile driver, and then he began to act. It wasn't so much real acting though as a lot of folks think. That punch hurt him, because he got it where and when he wasn't looking for it, and then I got the joit of my life.

Tom's seconds hopped into the ring and claimed the foul, and I was laughing at the way they were going to get fooled, when this lad Earp stood up

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foul and gave the fight to Sharkey. I'm not a quick mover, as far as the brain One of the hardest things any pugllist has to battle against in this world is concerned, and perhaps I didn't think it was as bad as it was. Anyhow, by wide of the mark when I say that I've had a bit more than my share of adlered the same of adle had a bit more than my share of adverse criticism. In fact, I've been up against it good and hard a lot of times, and while I've tried to hold my temper in the face of unjust charges and still more bull-headed wrong opinion, sometimes I've let go when I couldn't hold anything that the rest could put up, any largest and I've head of a howl. The police broke in, too, and then the fur began to fly in good shape. Earp pulled a gun and backed his say-so against anything that the rest could put up, any largest and I've head of a howl. The police broke in, too, and then the fur began to fly in good shape. Earp pulled a gun and backed his say-so against anything that the rest could put up. out any longer-and I've been sorry and the police chased the mob out of the building.

Everyone knows how I brought suit to though I'm not looking for it to any extent, because I've always found that I could take care of Bob Fitzsimmons pretty well without any outside interference. Still a man coulside interference. had broken into my house, plugged me with a .44 and taken the dough out of the safe. They call me an old man a whole lot, but those that do would have mean corner, and it the corner, he look in the chap's eye in the corner, he figured me a pretty small kid if they could have seen me that night. I don't could have seen me that night. I don't could have seen me that night. know for sure if I cried or not, but What I started with in my mind this know I felt like it. It's pretty rough week was that little affair that came for a man to be trimmed out of a small off out in San Francisco about nine fortune by one measley gang of crooks,

I've been misquoted a whole lot, and I've been roasted a whole lot, and I've been roasted a whole lot, and some was all the cards, handed you the double cross and set you back hustling for the they also knew he wouldn't.

course, a good bunch of the West was I'd been working pretty hard to get the East. When I get it handed to me I'd been working pretty hard to get on a match with Sharkey for some time, and it was pretty hard sledding to get a wallop like that for all my pains. If I'd been whipped, I'd never have said a word, not a peep from yours truly, but to be sandbagged, and by a gun fighter, at that, was all the worse. Of course, it all happened a good while ago, but it's like an old gunshot wound—it aches on rainy days.

But I've been gassing about my feelings long enough. As I say, I hadn't went around asking questions when it was all over. I wanted to know about this fellow, Wyatt Earp, and when I heard his history, I didn't wonder he was able to bluff that gang that night Maybe some of you haven't heard about the Earp boys, so I'm going to teil you what I learned about them. There were three of them originally, and they were born in Illipois. They went West, and took up with any good me up against the black reart little as a sort of trial horse, and when I put they did the job just once too often lim away in four rounds, it looked they showed up in Albuquerque, and were having a whole lot of fun, when Sharkey was coming along then as the Wyatt collected his two brothers and

was in line, but I had to make a chop-ping block of Joe Godfrey for one round. but it was enough to make him pull the

As far as Sharkey himself is concerned, I don't believe he was in on it to any extent. Maybe, he knew there was we drifted into the ring that night haul; and, besides, Tom isn't big enough out in Frisce, and the house looked in the brain pan to dope out a hot one

It was announced this morning that Kid Egan, who is to meet Rube Carter for fifteen rounds tonight before the ington, has arrived in town and like Egan has been fighting around Phila

delphia for some weeks, and while he was anxious to meet Carter there had Well, nearly everyone knows how the been some trouble in finding him. Egain fight went. I had the sailor gassing was desirous of meeting the Rube be been some trouble in finding him. Egan about for seven rounds, and I was get- cause of the tough argument the



ISN'T HIS SHOPPING RATHER LIMITED?

troubling him, and it will be some time

Jim Jeffries thinks he can whip Mar-

vin Hart, Jack Johnson, Gus Ruhlin and Jim McCormick all in one night.

Jack Blackburn is to meet Larry Tem-

before he is able to box again.

Personal Comment on Men and Things in the Field of Sports

BASEBALL

Jack Doyle is playing with the Burlington team of the Vermont State

Byers, of Baltimore, leads the bats-

men of the Eastern League, with a percentage of .354, made in sixty-two Jimmy Callahan claims a record. He "In all the years I was pitching

I never won a game on either of the

Duke Farrell, who ought to be one of the best judges of ball players in the business, is scouting for players for the Boston Americans.

MISCELLANEOUS.

T. M. Cardeza, of Germantown, has leased a large game preserve in Austria. will hold a series of boxing contests between prominent puglists during the coming fall and winter months.

Prospects are said to be very bright for a revival of boxing in Chicago in Unk Russell's sprained foot is still

ple at Sharon, Pa., tonight. Temple has agreed to weigh in at 150 pounds. Billy Burke, the best white welterweight in Pennsylvania, has started training and is open to box any man in his class.

CORNELL KICKERS

Men in Light Work-Old Men

ball coach, arrived in the city today from a vacation at Springville, N. Y.

He will start the official practice of the football squad on September 11, but before that time it is expected that he

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WEIRD DOINGS

Lights A-Shining and They're Not Playing Casino-Then What? How About Lander's Face?

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Careful scrutiny of the records has failed to reveal that Battling Nelson has ap-

plied for any patent, but—
Those who have been alertly observing the Dane and the humble cottagers who have their dwellings within a mile of Millets know that the lad from Hege wich has invented something.

It has been discovered that instead of retiring early every night, Mr. Nelson, ccompanied by one Frederick Landers, surreptitiously makes his way to his gymnasium and there spends sometimes two and sometimes three hours in vigrous use of the gloves. This practice is not for any exercise in the way of cutting away weight. Nelson yesterday was where he could have descended to 123 pounds by trotting three or four miles at an easy gait. He is doing his after-dark work because he has discovered something absolutely new in the way of a punch.

He denies this and says lights have been seen at night because visitors have left bank rolls and jewelry behind and COMING TO LIFE left bank rolls and jewen, rescue parties have been abroad retrieve the lost goods.

Other Feller's Face.

The best evidence that Bat has found Coach Warner Arrives and Will Indulge an effective method of crippling the an effective method of crippling the enemy is the Lander's face. The same looks very much hurt these days, and Freddie, if asked, will emphatically declare that Joe Angeli did not do it. Angeli is the man who furnished Fred ten savage rounds at Woodward's last week. "Mixing with Angeli is a picnic," says Fred, "compared to scrapping with this Copenhagen proposition. What our twe hours in the gymnasium at night means is our own business, but you can bet we do not go there to play casino."

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So it must be that the Durable One has been studying anatomy, and that when Britt is in the arena with him next Saturday he will see the Battler fencing with might and main to put Jimmy to rest with a stinger never before heard of in the Queensberry realms.

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The Wilmington (Del.) Athletic Club will hold a series of boxing contests between prominent pugilists during the coming fall and winter months.

There is talk of matches between Al Kaufman, the San Francisco amateur heavyweight fighter, and Dr. Knipe, former amateur champion, and also between Kaufman and Sam Berger.

TOM ROLAND.

To the training and is open to box any man in his class.

Before that time it is expected that he will get a number of the men at present in town out in their togs, doing the will so line at the Durable One has been studying anatomy, and that when Britt is in the arena with him next Saturday he will see the Battler fencing with anight and main to put Jimmy to rast with a stinger never before heard of in the Queensberry realms.

There were lively rounds with Ray Stone and Bob Lundie yesterday. The interested eyes around the ropes spurprished the success of the coming feal and winter months.

Warner is as usual non-committal about his idea of the success of the coming team, but it is the general impression that he thinks very well of the new men he is getting and that he thinks he will be able to build up a fine eleven.

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